



Bond County Community School District No. 2



The Rocket Review

Eric Swingler, Principal

November

Construction at GES & Changes to Arrival & Dismissal - At the October Board of Education Meeting, the Board approved the construction of a new library and office at GES. Construction is set to begin mid-November and it will impact our arrival and dismissal times and procedures for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year starting November 15th. Information will be sent home with all students on Thursday, November 4th regarding the new changes; including written information and maps. In addition, Mr. Swingler will present the new changes at 6:00 on Monday, November 8th in the GJH Gym and answer any questions you may have. This presentation is for GES & GJHS families who drop off or pick up their children at school. There will be no major changes to families who have students ride the bus to and from school. Families attending the presentation can park at GJH and enter the event entrance doors. A Skylert message will be sent out to all families reminding everyone of the new changes. We want to make sure all families are informed of the changes and have time to plan accordingly. Thanks in advance for your understanding and patience as we work to improve the GES facilities.

Book Fair - The GES Librarians will be hosting a Follett Book Fair in November. Online shopping will take place November 1st - 18th. In-person shopping will take place November 15th - 18th. We encourage families to come explore the fair at GES and help your child find their next favorite book. The book fair is being held in the GES Gym and will be open for students to shop before school and during school. The book fair will be open for families to shop the 15th - 18th from 3:20 - 4:00 p.m. Please enter Door 12 and masks must be worn while in the school and shopping. Flyers, with additional information, were sent home with students today.

Parent Teacher Conferences - I want to thank all of you who were able to participate in the Parent-Teacher Conferences on the 14th & 19th. Although they were held in various forms, (in-person, virtual meeting, phone call, or email), it is important to show your child(ren) that you care about their education. I believe conferences foster good parent-teacher communications and hope, that as a result of your conference, you will have a better understanding of all aspects of your child(ren)'s school experience. Through conferences, you have helped the teacher(s) better understand your child, enabling the teacher to meet your child's educational needs.

Honor Roll/Perfect Attendance- At the end of every quarter, we recognize students who make the GES High Honors or Honor Roll and have Perfect Attendance. The district requests information from each school and will put this information in the Greenville Advocate. Students in grades 3 - 5 who made straight A's qualify for High Honors and students who made A's and B's qualify for the Honor Roll. I am pleased to share we had a total of 40 students achieve High Honors (All A's) and 106 achieve Honor Roll (All A's & B's). I applaud the efforts of these students and challenge all students to achieve this honor each quarter. In total, we had 185 students achieve perfect attendance status. Congrats to all!

Transportation & Contact Changes - It is important for parents to notify office personnel if their child(ren) will be going home by way of alternate route. This may be done via written note or calling the office PRIOR TO 2:00. Without a note or phone call, students will be sent home by means of their designated primary transportation. In addition, if you have a new home, cell or work number, please provide the office with this information. It is difficult to communicate with parents/guardians when the information in the office records is incorrect.

Parent Club Family Bike Night - The GES Parent Club is hosting a Family Bike Night on Sunday, November 7th from 4-6 p.m. at the Greenville Junior High Parking Lot. This free event is open to any GES families. Students and their families are encouraged to bring bikes, skate boards, scooters, roller skates, etc. and enjoy some time outdoors with friends. Hot coco and snacks will be provided.

Bullying Reporting - Our school has a means to report bullying from home. Go to our district website (www.bccu2.org) and click GES, then 'Parents/Students' tab, Student Forms, Reporting a Bullying Incident where families can view the district policy on bullying and also report an incident. Please note that bullying is unwanted, aggressive behavior that involves a real or

perceived power imbalance. The behavior is repeated, or has the potential to be repeated, over time. While at school, students can report incidences of bullying to one of seven staff members, including: Mrs. VanZant (5th grade teacher), Ms. May (Kindergarten teacher), Mrs. Martin (PE teacher), Mrs. Finn (counselor), Mr. Swingler (principal). Each of these five individuals has a blue star posted outside their classroom or office doors as a reminder for students.

Chilly Weather - As the cooler weather has approached, I have noticed many students not wearing coats to school. Please remind your child(ren) before they leave for school to dress appropriately.

Medical Condition Changes - In the event your child becomes diagnosed with a medical condition after registration, please share this information with Mrs. Bohannon, the school nurse. It is important for the school to know this information in the event 911 must be called. Mrs. Bohannon needs to report accurate information in such an event.

Thanksgiving Break - We will be dismissing at 2:00 on Tuesday, November 23rd as we begin Thanksgiving Break. School will not be in session from Wednesday, November 24th through Friday, November 26th. School will resume on Monday, November 29th. I would like to thank all of you for your support and great start to the school year. I am very fortunate to work in a community that supports education and values family, friends, and education. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

GES Facebook Page - Check out Greenville Elementary School on Facebook if you haven't already done so and "like it". The Facebook page continues to be utilized a means to showcase the excellent activities and events taking place at GES, as well as reminders of various events.

Important Dates In November

* Dates and times are subject to change. *

Thursday, 4th - New Arrival & Dismissal Plan Shared with all Families

Sunday, 7th - 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. Parent Club Family Bike Night at GJH Parking Lot

Monday, 8th - Cardinal Calendar Sales End

- 6:00 p.m. Presentation on New Arrival & Dismissal Plan in GJH Gym (for families who drop off or pick up students)

Thursday, 11th - NO SCHOOL - Veterans Day

Friday, 12th - 2nd Quarter Mid-Quarter

Monday, 15th - Thursday, 18th - Follett Book Fair at GES

Wednesday, 17th - 7:00 p.m. Board of Education Meeting in GHS Library

Thursday, 18th - Illinois Family Reading Night

- 7:00 p.m. Parent Club Virtual Meeting

Friday, 19th - NO SCHOOL - Parent/Teacher Conference Compensation Day

Tuesday, 23rd - 2:00 Dismissal

Wednesday, 24th - Friday, 26th - NO SCHOOL - THANKSGIVING BREAK

Monday, 29th - School Resumes